

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Currently amended)** A dispersion comprising a thermoplastic cellulose polymer or a derivative thereof, a phthalate ester of a C₁-C₆ alkylated aromatic alcohol, an alkaline earth metal salt of a C₉-C₂₀ aliphatic fatty acid, a surfactant, a lower alkyl methacrylate polymer and ~~further comprising one or more components selected from the group consisting of: a metal carbonate, a white metal oxide, a solvent, wherein the dispersion adheres to a substrate selected from the group consisting of a plastic, a metal and a composite when applied to said substrate as part of a primer, a rust inhibitor and a lower alkyl methacrylate polymer.~~
2. **(Currently amended)** The dispersion of claim 1 further comprising a white metal oxide~~lower alkyl methacrylate polymer.~~
3. **(Currently amended)** The dispersion of claim 1,2 wherein the lower alkyl methacrylate polymer is an ethyl methacrylate polymer.
4. **(Currently amended)** The dispersion of claim 1 further comprising a metal carbonate~~[[,]]~~ and a white metal oxide,~~a lower alkyl methacrylate polymer and a solvent.~~
5. **(Currently amended)** The dispersion of claim 1 further comprising a metal carbonate, a white metal oxide,~~a lower alkyl methacrylate polymer, a solvent~~ and a rust inhibitor.
6. **(Original)** The dispersion of Claim 1 in a solid form.
7. **(Original)** The dispersion of Claim 4 in a solid form.
8. **(Original)** The dispersion of Claim 5 in a solid form.
9. **(Original)** The dispersion of Claim 6 in a granulated form.
10. **(Original)** The dispersion of Claim 7 in a granulated form.
11. **(Original)** The dispersion of Claim 8 in a granulated form.
12. **(Original)** A primer comprising the dispersion of Claim 1 and, a primer solvent.
13. **(Original)** The primer of claim 12 further comprising one or more components selected from the group consisting of: a C₁-C₆ ketone, a C₁-C₆ ester, a polymeric plasticizer and a halogenated, polyolefin.
14. **(Original)** The primer of claim 13 further comprising one or more components selected from the group consisting of: an alcohol, a polyhydroxy magnesium silicate derivate, and a silicon dioxide powder.

15. **(Original)** A primer comprising a primer solvent, a lower alkyl methacrylate polymer, a C₁-C₆ ketone, a C₁-C₅ ester, a phthalate ester of a C₁-C₆ alkylated aromatic alcohol, a polymeric plasticizer, a halogenated polyolefin and the dispersion of claim 4.

16. **(Original)** The primer of claim 15 further comprising the dispersion of claim 5.

17. **(Original)** The primer of claim 15 further comprising an alcohol, a thermoplastic cellulose polymer or a derivative thereof, a polyhydroxy magnesium silicate derivate and a silicon dioxide powder.

18. **(Currently amended)** A method of manufacturing a primer including the steps of:
mixing a first primer solution comprising a primer solvent and a lower alkyl methacrylate polymer in a first vessel;

mixing a second primer solution comprising the dispersion of claim 6 in a second vessel; and

mixing the first primer solution and the second primer solution together to form the primer;

wherein the primer adheres to a plastic, a metal and/or a composite substrate.

19. **(Currently amended)** A method of manufacturing a primer comprising:

mixing a first primer solution comprising a primer solvent and a lower alkyl methacrylate polymer;

mixing a second primer solution comprising a C₁-C₆ ketone, a C₁-C₆ ester, a phthalate ester of a C₁-C₆ alkylated aromatic alcohol, and the dispersion of claim 7; and

mixing the first primer solution and the second primer solution together with a primer solvent, a C₁-C₆ ketone, C₁-C₆ ester, a polymeric plasticizer and a halogenated polyolefin to form the primer;

wherein the primer adheres to a plastic, a metal and/or a composite substrate.

20. **(Original)** The method of manufacturing a primer of claim 19 wherein the second primer solution comprises the dispersion of claim 8.

21. **(Previously presented)** A method for coating a surface of an article comprising:

coating the surface with an adhesion promoter comprising an aromatic hydrocarbon, a co-polymer of a C₂-C₆ alkene and a vinyl ester and a chlorinated polyolefin; and

coating the surface with the primer of claim 12 or claim 15.

22. **(Previously presented)** An article coated with the primer of claim 12 or claim 15.
23. **(New)** The dispersion of claim 1 further comprising one or more component selected from the group consisting of: a metal carbonate; a white metal oxide and a rust inhibitor.
24. **(New)** The dispersion of claim 1 wherein the dispersion adheres to a substrate selected from the group consisting of a polyethylene, a polypropylene, a polystyrene, a thermoplastic elastomer and an ethylene propylene rubber when applied to said substrate as part of a primer.